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Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c)	Application No. 08/900,360	Applicant(s) Obrecht
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The Appeal Brief filed on Mar 12, 2001 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

Applicant is given a TIME LIMIT of ONE MONTH from the date of this letter or any time remaining in the period under 37 CFR 1.192(a) for filing a new complete brief. If a new brief that fully complies with 37 CFR 1.192(c) is not timely submitted, the appeal will be dismissed as of the expiration of the period provided by 37 CFR 1.192(a). No extension of this one month time limit may be obtained under either 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) but the original two-month period under 37 CFR 1.192(a) for filing the brief may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a) up to six months from the date of the Notice of Appeal. The new complete brief must be filed IN TRIPPLICATE. See 37 CFR 1.192(a).

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims. 37 CFR 1.192(c)(3).
3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment. 37 CFR 1.192(c)(4).
4. The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters. 37 CFR 1.192(c)(5).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review. 37 CFR 1.192(c)(6).
6. A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
 - a. the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
 - b. the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7. The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal. 37 CFR 1.192(c)(8).
8. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto. 37 CFR 1.192(c)(9).
9. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

The Appeal Brief contains inappropriate sections. Applicant's sections VII-IX should be incorporated into a more appropriate section(s), as defined in MPEP 1206 ("Appeal Brief Content"). The Examiner suggests that the Applicant's sections currently labeled as "Grouping of Claims," "Date Wise - Non-Competency of References," and "Description of References" be incorporated into the "Arguments" section. Please refer to MPEP 1206 for the proper layout of the Appeal Brief.


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